

Proteus, Inc. is the grantee of the IDPH Latino Priority Population Network focused on Tobacco-Use and Control. One of our grant requirements were to start a coalition, which we did called LATCH – Latino/Hispanic Alliance for Tobacco-Control and Health. We meet quarterly and the next meetings' information is below.

Our grant activities are centered around the Latino community which involve promoting Quitline Iowa, increasing youth participation in JEL, providing cultural-competency training to health care providers, promoting businesses and community organizations to become tobacco-free grounds, encouraging Latino events to refuse Big Tobacco money, eliminate exposure to tobacco through a pledge drive, and other various activities.

If you are interested in joining the coalition or interested in partnering with Proteus, please contact Daniel Zinnel at 515-271-5306 ext. 112/ DanielZ@proteusinc.net, who works out of the Des Moines location.

The next coalition meeting will be **March 11, 2010** at 1:00 pm to 2:30 pm. We will meet at Proteus, Inc. located at 3850 Merle Hay Rd. Suite 500 in Des Moines.

Thank you!

